

Table 4. Selected National Average Natural Gas Prices, 2001-2006
(Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Wellhead Price ^a	City Gate Price	Delivered to Consumers					Electric Power Price ^c
			Residential Price	Commercial		Industrial		
				Price	% of Total ^b	Price	% of Total ^b	
2001 Annual Average.....	4.00	5.72	9.63	8.43	66.04	5.24	20.84	4.61
2002 Annual Average.....	2.95	4.12	7.89	6.63	77.38	4.02	22.70	3.68
2003 Annual Average.....	4.88	5.85	9.63	8.40	78.24	5.89	22.12	5.57
2004								
January.....	5.21	6.39	9.70	9.04	81.49	6.76	23.11	6.37
February.....	5.02	6.37	9.85	9.02	81.65	6.56	23.55	5.76
March.....	5.12	6.24	10.02	9.00	79.11	6.01	22.82	5.50
April.....	5.03	6.31	10.54	8.98	77.66	6.09	23.30	5.74
May.....	5.40	6.48	11.62	9.23	73.80	6.37	23.41	6.30
June.....	5.82	6.93	13.07	9.83	72.17	6.86	24.98	6.52
July.....	5.62	6.68	13.53	9.78	71.72	6.44	24.86	6.24
August.....	5.52	6.51	13.73	9.77	70.99	6.38	24.03	5.97
September.....	5.06	6.07	13.30	9.33	71.37	5.70	22.80	5.39
October.....	5.43	6.30	11.68	9.19	73.27	6.05	22.57	6.05
November.....	6.21	7.49	11.43	10.14	78.51	7.66	23.46	6.71
December.....	6.01	7.51	11.09	10.38	80.28	7.57	24.48	6.88
Annual Average.....	5.46	6.65	10.75	9.41	77.97	6.56	23.60	6.11
2005								
January.....	^E 5.52	7.05	11.00	10.17	^R 83.45	^R 6.96	^R 24.25	6.61
February.....	^E 5.59	7.09	10.98	9.96	83.72	^R 7.06	^R 23.64	6.41
March.....	^E 5.98	7.24	10.95	10.07	83.20	^R 7.03	^R 24.01	6.82
April.....	^E 6.44	7.79	11.98	10.41	81.23	^R 7.65	^R 23.37	7.25
May.....	^E 6.02	7.50	12.83	10.55	77.38	^R 7.11	^R 23.79	6.81
June.....	^E 6.15	7.29	13.88	10.48	75.73	6.84	^R 23.28	7.07
July.....	^E 6.69	7.68	14.96	10.83	73.25	7.35	^R 24.05	7.55
August.....	^E 7.68	8.21	15.62	11.39	73.51	7.93	^R 24.10	8.59
September.....	^E 9.50	10.26	16.66	13.01	72.30	^R 10.11	^R 22.53	10.94
October.....	^E 10.97	12.17	16.53	14.60	76.93	^R 11.94	^R 22.52	11.88
November.....	^E 9.54	11.48	15.82	15.10	79.65	^R 12.00	^R 22.75	9.82
December.....	^E 10.02	10.75	14.71	14.26	82.92	^R 10.98	^R 22.89	11.33
Annual Average.....	^E 7.51	8.64	12.81	11.56	80.51	^R 8.46	^R 23.46	8.45
2006								
January.....	^E 8.66	10.64	14.92	14.26	^R 80.47	^R 10.84	^R 22.40	9.09
February.....	^E 7.28	9.19	13.99	13.11	83.24	^R 9.30	^R 22.28	7.99
March.....	^E 6.52	8.72	13.10	12.11	82.92	^R 8.24	^R 22.43	7.34
April.....	^E 6.59	8.07	13.26	^R 11.63	^R 76.54	7.92	^R 21.99	7.28
May.....	^E 6.19	^R 7.85	14.37	^R 11.76	^R 76.35	^R 7.66	^R 22.32	6.84
June.....	^E 5.80	^R 7.15	^R 14.96	^R 11.30	^R 74.23	^R 6.85	^R 21.93	NA
July.....	^E 5.82	7.16	15.63	11.28	72.21	6.69	22.41	NA
2006 YTD ^d	^E 6.69	8.82	14.08	12.62	79.63	8.28	22.26	7.58
2005 YTD ^d	^E 6.06	7.29	11.53	10.23	81.41	7.14	23.78	6.79
2004 YTD ^d	5.32	6.42	10.32	9.13	78.73	6.45	23.68	5.95

^a See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 10, for discussion of wellhead prices.

^b Percentage of total deliveries represented by onsystem sales (see Figure 6). See Table 25 for State data.

^c The electric power sector comprises electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power plants within the NAICS 22 category whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public. Through 2001, data are for regulated electric utilities only; beginning in 2002, data also include nonregulated members of the electric power sector.

^d Year-to-date price represents months for which price information is available in the current year. The electric power sector year-to-date price is two months behind those of wellhead, city gate, residential, commercial and industrial.

^E Estimated data.

^{NA} Not available.

^R Revised data.

Notes: Data for 2001 through 2004 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Sources: 2001-2004: Energy Information Administration (EIA), *Natural Gas Annual 2004*. January 2005 through current month: Form EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers"; Form EIA-910, "Monthly Natural Gas Marketer Survey"; Form EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants Report"; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Form FERC-423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants"; and EIA estimates.